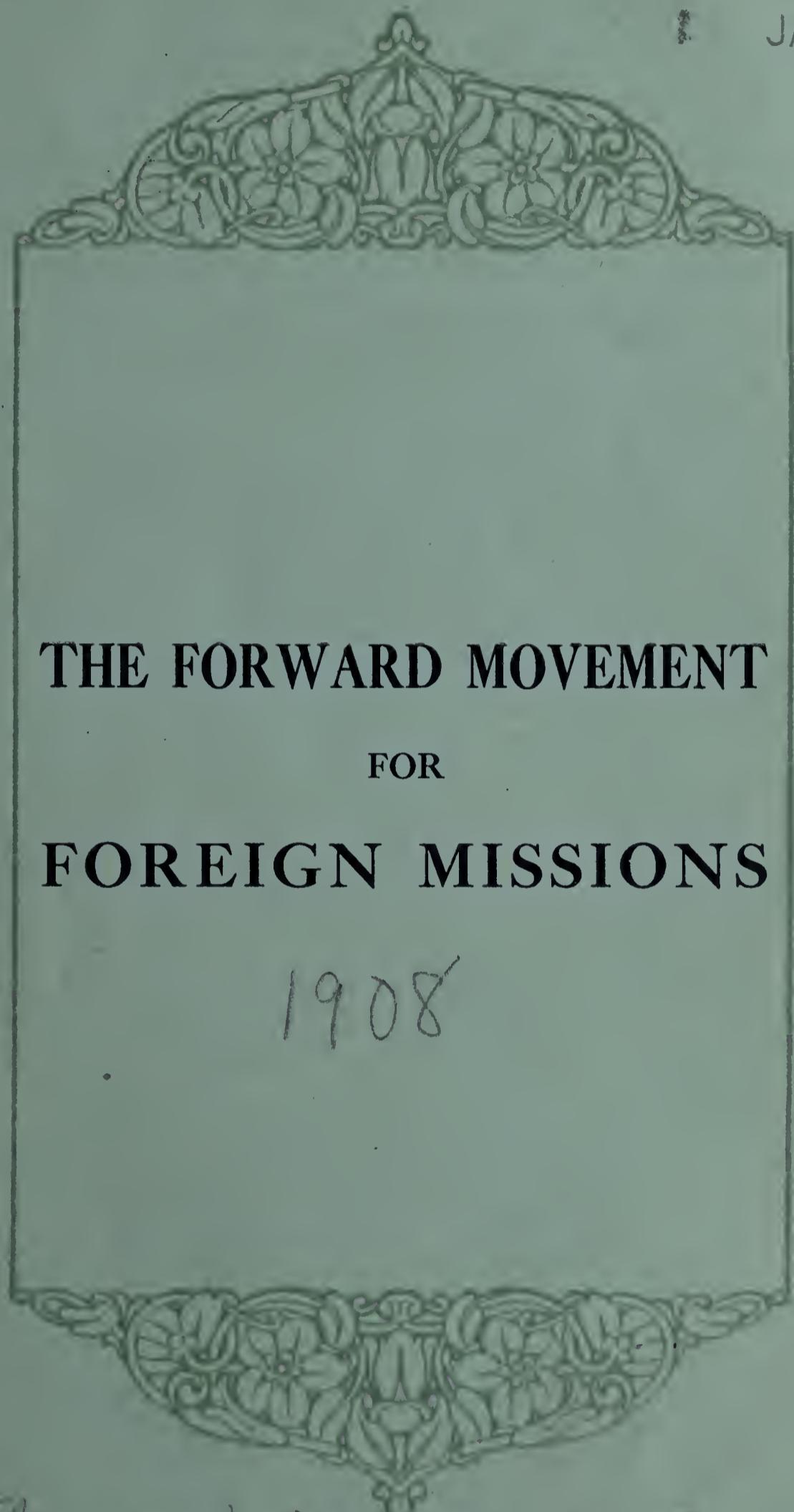


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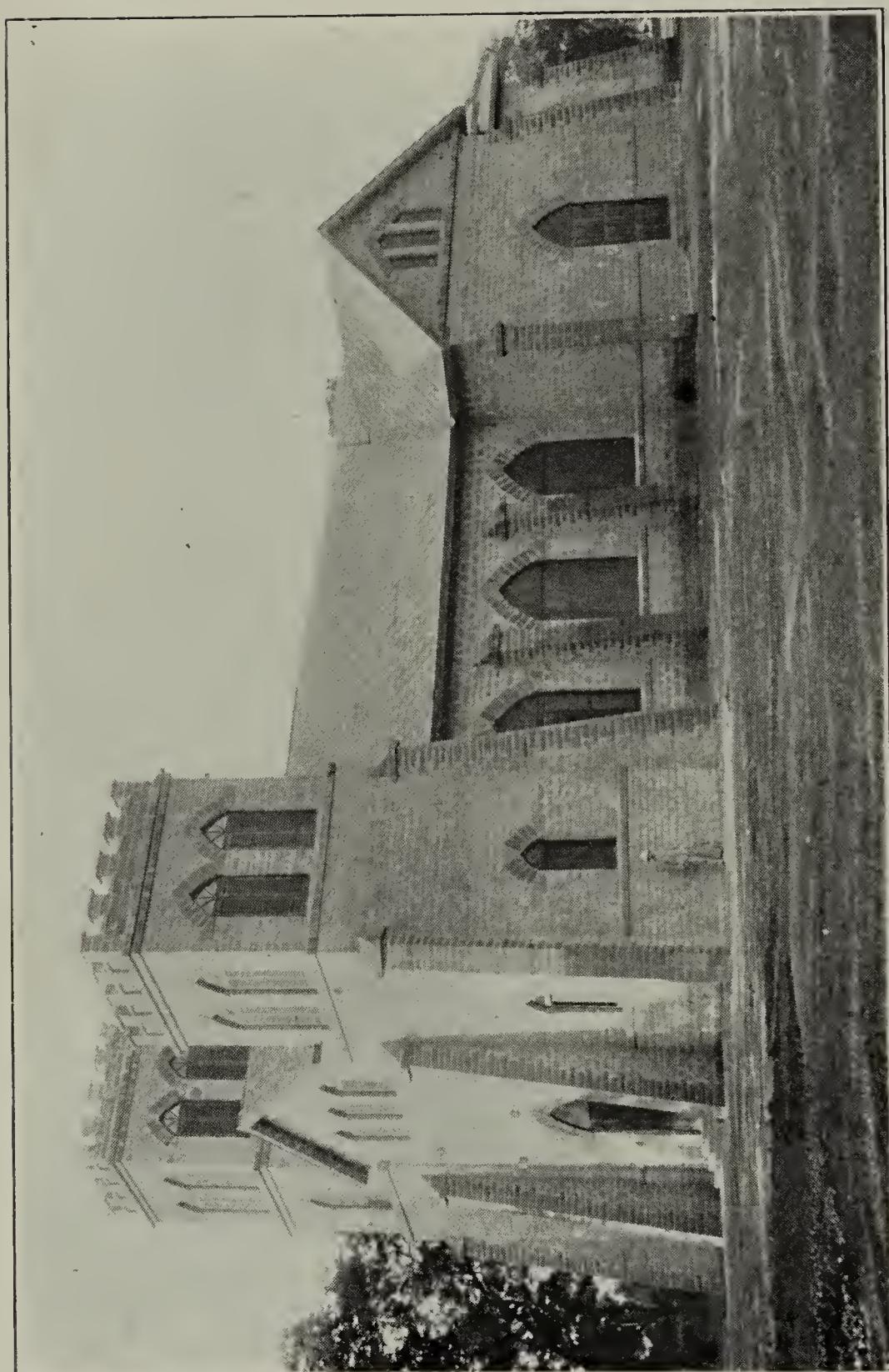


The Forward Movement

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THE FOREWORD.

THE PURPOSE.

It is the purpose of this pamphlet to exhibit in a comprehensive, but not exhaustive manner, the principal *Forward Movements* which have been inaugurated by the Board of Foreign Missions in recent years. It is the aim, not solely to show forth what has already been accomplished, but rather to stimulate a deeper and more intelligent interest in, and call forth a larger and more liberal financial support of, the plans of the Board for the enlargement of this work in the present and immediate future. We believe that our membership will have a larger measure of confidence in the Board and greater willingness to support the work when they have, in a compact form, what has already been accomplished.

The contents of this pamphlet have almost entirely been prepared and edited from the Biennial Reports of the Board to the General Synod and from the minutes of the monthly meetings of the Board. The author is largely an editor.

Forward Movements are made possible by vision, faith and money. All of these elements have their rightful place, and none are lacking in this Christ-commanded work.

“ Anywhere, provided it be forward.”

—David Livingstone.

“ We must advance upon our knees.”

—Joseph Hardy Neesima.

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of the Board has for its goal the establishment of the Kingdom of Christ and the planting of the Church of the Living God in Africa and India. The work of administration in the home-land exists simply for the accomplishment of these purposes ; hence, but small space need be devoted to it. For the sake of good order we will have the *Forward Movement* present itself in this manner :

- I. THE HOME ADMINISTRATION.
- II. FORWARD IN AFRICA.
- III. FORWARD IN INDIA.

I. THE HOME ADMINISTRATION.

Probably the most practical introduction to this portion of the Forward Movement pamphlet would be a word of explanation concerning the relation between the Board and the cause of Foreign Missions, and a statement of the organization of the Board for its important work.

THE BOARD.

The Board of Foreign Missions is appointed by the General Synod to direct the work of extending our Redeemer's kingdom in Africa and India. Its work is in the name and by the authority of the General Synod. The Board is the minister of the entire Church. For the sake of good order and efficiency the entire body entrusts this charge to the nine members of the Board, ministers and laymen, appointed by each General Synod. The Board *moves forward* only as the Church directs and makes possible the advance.

ITS ORGANIZATION.

The General Synod which met at Sunbury, Pa., May 22d to 30th, 1907, constituted the following as the Board of Foreign Missions :

The Rev. Luther Kuhlman, D. D.,	Gettysburg, Pa.
The Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D. D.,	Baltimore, Md.
The Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D. D.,	Gettysburg, Pa.
The Rev. J. S. Simon, A. M.,	Hagerstown, Md.
The Rev. O. C. Roth, D. D.,	Altoona, Pa.
The Rev. I. C. Burke, D. D.,	Baltimore, Md.
Mr. Henry C. Hines,	Baltimore, Md.
Mr. Charles A Kunkel,	Harrisburg, Pa.
Mr. Samuel F. Ziegler,	Baltimore, Md.

The Board organized itself by unanimously electing the following officers :

President—The Rev. Luther Kuhlman, D. D.

Vice-President—The Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D. D.

General Secretary—The Rev. Marion J. Kline, D. D.

Treasurer—Mr. Henry C. Hines.

Auditor—Mr. Samuel F. Ziegler.

At the same time the following committees and officers were appointed :

Executive Committee—The Rev. Luther Kuhlman, D. D., Chairman ; the Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D. D., Mr. Charles A. Kunkel and the General Secretary.

Committee on Africa—The Rev. J. A. Singmaster, D. D., Chairman ; the Rev. J. S. Simon and the Rev. O. C. Roth, D. D.

Mr. Samuel F. Ziegler was subsequently elected Purchasing and Shipping Agent for Africa, and added to this committee.

Committee on India—The Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D. D., Chairman ; the Rev. I. C. Burke, D. D. and Mr. Henry C. Hines.

Finance Committee—Mr. Henry C. Hines, Chairman ; Mr. Samuel F. Ziegler, and the General Secretary.

General Attorney—Howard P. Sadtler, Esq.

General Medical Adviser—Standish McCleary, M. D.

Office Clerk—Mr. Harry Goedeke.

DUTIES AND METHODS.

The duties of the above named committees and officers are quite definitely suggested by their titles. In addition to the above, which are *Standing Committees* and Officers, special committees are created as special needs arise. The latter are usually only temporary, though a special committee has subsequently been made one of the Standing Committees.

The Standing Committees receive all business relating to their respective departments, carefully consider the same, formulate their recommendations and present them to the Board at its monthly meeting for consideration and action.

These methods have been in operation ever since a short time after the re-organization of the Board in 1901, and have proved their merit by the success which has attended them.

DEPARTMENTS.

All special departments of the work, and particularly the finance department, have been brought into harmony, so far as practicable, with the general principle governing the work of the Foreign Mission Boards in North America.

RULES.

Definite and explicit rules, governing the missionaries on both fields in their relation to the Board in all matters pertaining to salaries, allowances, terms of service, furloughs, outfit, etc., have been carefully wrought out and are in successful operation.

FINANCIAL.

I. *The Indebtedness.*

For a number of years the Board had been burdened with a heavy indebtedness. This was occasioned by the marvelous growth of our mission in India, and the efforts of the Board to provide an adequate support for the work. This indebtedness was not confined to the treasury of the Board, but it affected India as well. On September 1st, 1904, the total indebtedness was almost \$24,000.00. On November 10th, 1904, the Board approved a plan formulated and suggested by our senior missionary to India, the Rev. L. L. Uhl, Ph. D., which contemplated a canvass of the Church by a special representative of the Board. Dr. Uhl was appointed the special representative. The working out of the details of the plan were intrusted to Dr. Uhl and the General Secretary. To Dr. Uhl belongs a large measure of credit for the success of the undertaking. The direct result of this special effort aggregated almost \$8,000.00. Within the succeeding year the entire indebtedness was removed and none has since been incurred.

But in addition to these direct financial results, the Church was quickened in her zeal and devotion, larger giving was stimulated through the regular channels and the work entered upon a new era of success.

2. *Investment of Trust Funds and Legacies.*

These funds were held, for many years, in the general treasury of the Board. Though a strict accounting was kept of them—yet they had never been permanently invested.

Within the year the Board has safely and conservatively invested \$9,868.70. Of this amount \$4,715.14 represents Trust Funds, set aside by legacy or



THE REV. L. L. UHL, PH. D.,
President of the India Conference.

deed of gift, *the income only of which may be used.* The remainder, aggregating \$5,153.56, has been bequeathed to the Board unconditionally. In addition to these funds the Board now has on hand a total of \$4,508.87, in the "Legacy Fund," which has not yet been invested. The most of this has been but recently received. *The Trust Funds are the only permanent investments held by the Board.* All other moneys are at once used in the work.

3. *Financial Statements for Last Four Bienniums, Showing Increased Receipts.*

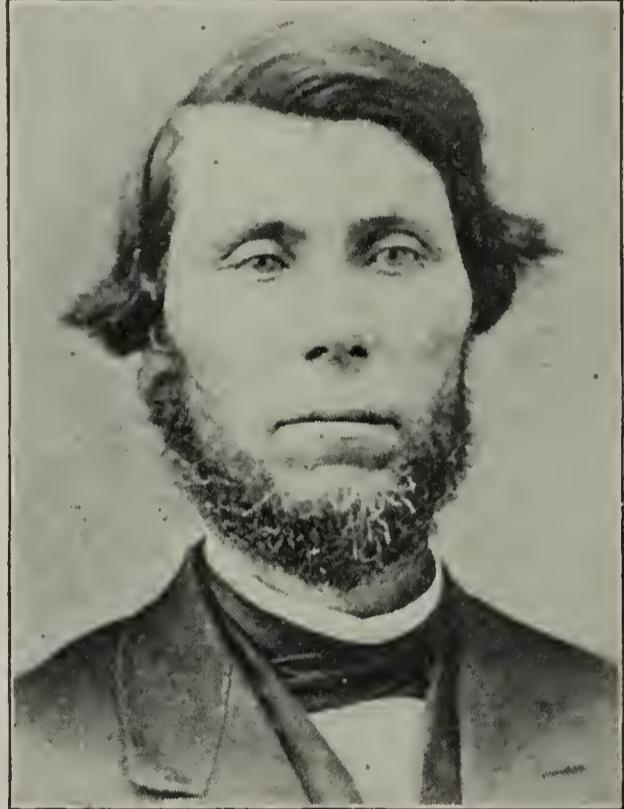
Receipts, 1899-1901.....	\$96,366 59
Receipts, 1901-1903.....	122,556 41
Receipts, 1903-1905.....	136,958 13
Receipts, 1905-1907.....	146,341 93

Cash balance April 30th, 1907, \$16,936.08.

4. *Financial Policy.*

Out of a long and varied experience, with careful thought and deliberate consideration, the Board has formulated a definite financial policy which has now been in effect for three years. On the firm business principle of estimated receipts and expenditures, the Board has intelligently planned its work, made its budgets, issued its calls for support, with the result that larger, better and much more satisfactory work has been accomplished than ever in its history prior to 1905.

The foundations have been laid deep and strong. Wisdom and experience have cemented the stones of these foundations. May there

 THE REV. MORRIS OFFICER,
Founder of Muhlenberg Mission.

be reared thereon a beautiful superstructure for the glory of God.

II. THE FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR AFRICA.

INTERIOR SCHOOLS AND STATIONS.

Special emphasis has been placed on this work within recent years. Superintendent Beck, in writing of the interior work, says: "We have now in operation five schools in the interior located respectively seven, twenty, sixty-five, ninety, and one hundred and ten miles from the main station." The names



THE REV. DAVID A. DAY,
For twenty-three years missionary to Africa.

of these are H. O. Stewart's at Mt. Coffee, the Wartburg at Dobley's Island Heid Memorial at Solonya, Zeh Memorial near Koontown, Hill Station at Zulu's Hill. Three of these now have permanent buildings, and we hope to have good houses at all the stations in the near future. This is one of the most important of the "Forward Movements" for Africa.

THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL WORK.

The Board has long since realized the momentous importance of industrial training. For Africa, pre-eminently, the training of the hands in useful labor dare not be neglected. It is an integral part of a trinity of culture of which the other two members are soul and mind.

The former industrial departments included carpentry, blacksmithing and the cultivation of coffee. Recently there have been added tailoring, shoe-making and the cultivation of food-stuffs for the use of the boys and girls. Other departments will subsequently be introduced. Superintendent Beck describes the boys as eager and capable. Within a very short while after they have been taken from "the bush" (jungle) they are laboring side by side with the older mission boys at the appointed tasks. The girls are also being taught to become home-makers, and display an aptness and zeal which is most commendable.

In March of this year a consignment of African Java coffee was sold for \$1,249.62. The price received was $11\frac{1}{2}$ cents the pound, wholesale. This coffee was cultivated, gathered and prepared for market, largely, by the mission boys.

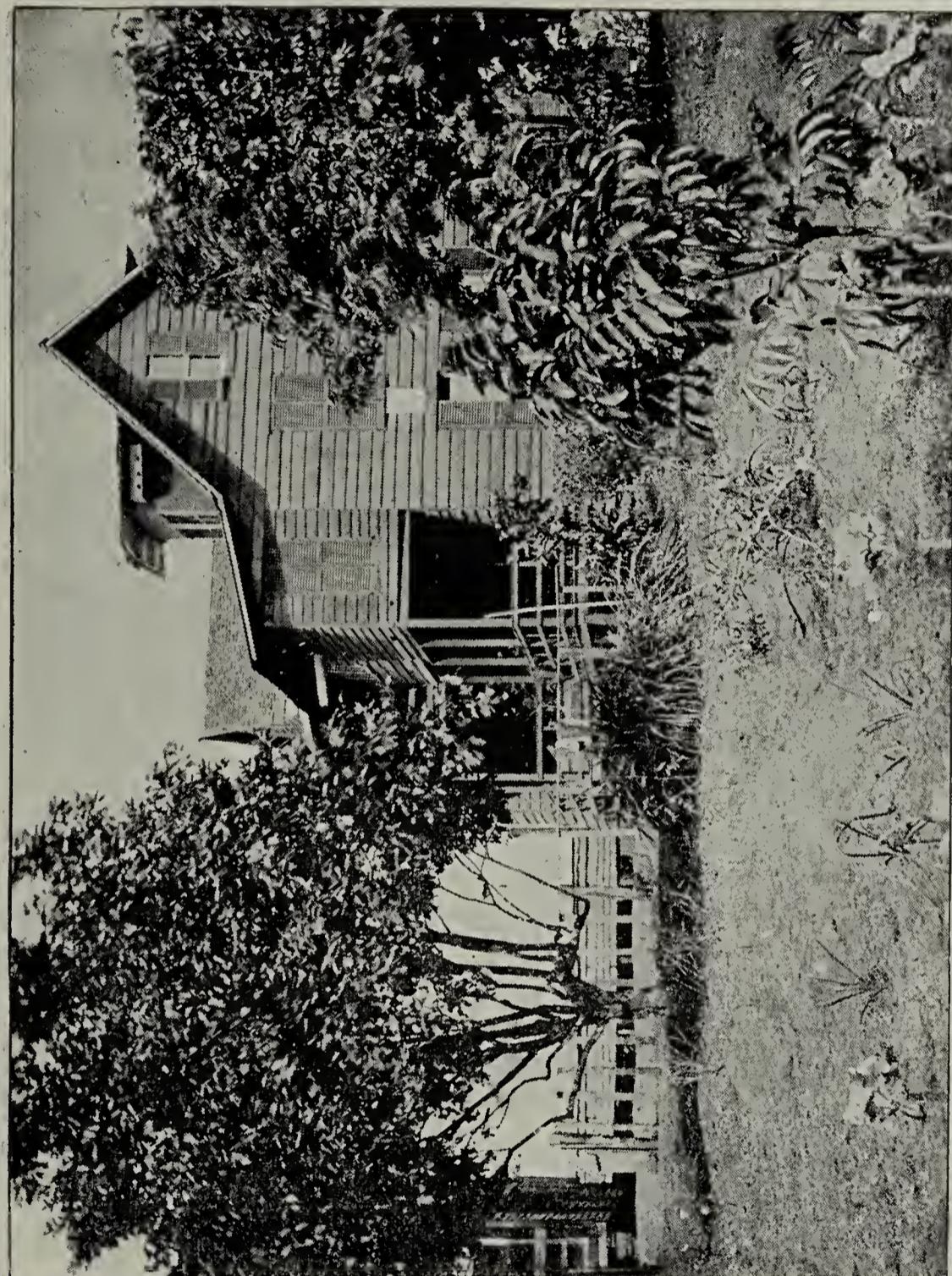
THE BOYS' DORMITORY.

Through the generosity of a group of friends of our African mission, who for many years past have given large sums of money for the work in Africa, supporting at different times two American missionaries, the urgently needed boys' dormitory at Muhlenberg Mission was made possible. The old building was in such a state of decay as to be utterly unfit, and even unsafe, as a home for our mission boys. Superintendent Beck writes: "The value of the mission property has been increased by the addition of the new boys' dormitory, which is worth, as it stands to-day, not less than \$2,000.00. This building challenges the pride of all interested in the mission."

THE MISSIONARIES' HOME.

In a recent article Superintendent Beck writes:

"I desire to call the attention of the Church to the fact that the building in which the Board's missionaries in Africa live is wholly inadequate for the needs—not only inadequate, but altogether unfit for the housing of such precious lives. As long as seven years ago the missionaries on the field decided to ask the Board for a new home; but the crisis through which the Mission was then passing in the home church prompted us to postpone the call. Now, however, we do not hesitate to make such a request. *That is the*



(Courtesy of *The Lutheran Observer*.)
RESIDENCE OF MISSIONARIES, AFRICA.

greatest physical need of the mission to-day. The present building is the original one—the first one erected there. Additions have been made from time to time, and repairs have been an annual necessity. Its original construction was decidedly faulty. The foundation consists mainly of small blocks of wood or stones set up on end. It is difficult to understand how the building has withstood the storms of years. It is so constructed that lizards, rats and snakes play freely from foundation to roof between the double walls. A small white ant, known as the ‘bug-a-bug,’ lives by eating wood. Few kinds of lumber are free from its ravages. The building is undergoing a continuous process of destruction by this little pest. Above our dining table must something be stretched to catch the falling dirt and protect our food ; a covering must be put over our faces as we lie down to take our afternoon rest lest our eyes be filled with the siftings.

“We need a large house—plans now being considered are 48 by 54 feet—to accommodate at least four missionary families. The foundation will be so constructed as to keep the ants out of the building and away from the wood ; the walls will exclude animals and reptiles. The estimated cost of the desired building is three thousand dollars. We ask for no luxuries, but only for reasonable comforts.”

Superintendent Beck has been authorized to secure the funds for this urgently needed home. Special contributions may be sent to the Board of Foreign Missions, 21 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, Md., stating that they are for the Missionaries’ Home in Africa.

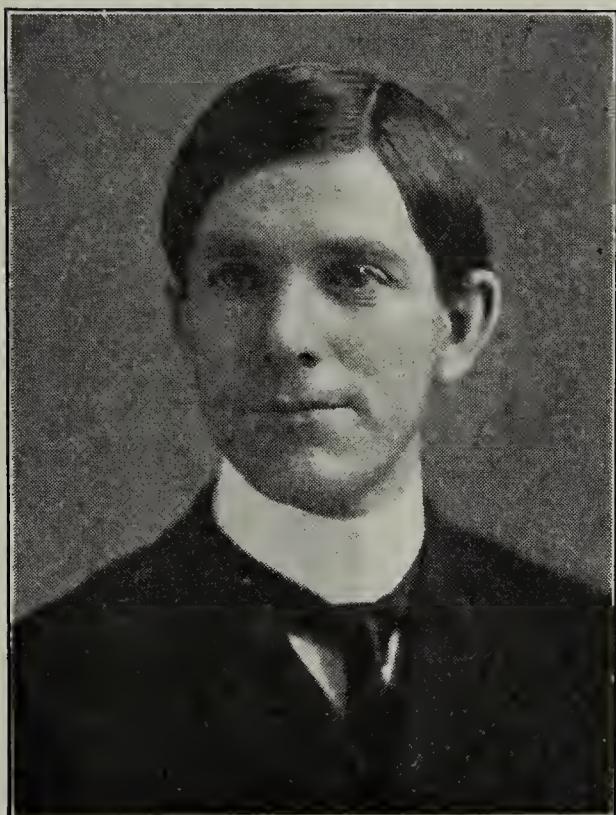
CONGREGATIONS, CHURCH BUILDINGS, NATIVE WORKERS.

Superintendent Beck writes : “Congregations remain at three, which is likely to be the limit for many years. The membership has not materially changed during the biennium—losses and additions practically counterbalancing each other. St. Paul’s congregation has had some difficulties in their efforts to secure a new building. Under the appropriation made by the Board for that purpose *preparations are going forward for the early erection of the new building.*

“Some months ago the council of Day Memorial Church asked that two of their number be permitted to prepare themselves, under instruction of the pastor (myself), for the position of assistant pastor, so as to be ready to take charge of the services when I could not be present. I granted the request and started the course of lessons.

“More recently, in view of the probability of my taking an early furlough, they asked that I appoint someone to take charge of the services during my absence when no missionary could be present, and I appointed Mr. William Briggs—one of the two above mentioned.

“At the mission chapel one of the older boys, Andrew Jackson, a member of the council, is preparing himself for the gospel ministry, and very acceptably and efficiently conducts the services in the absence of both of us.”



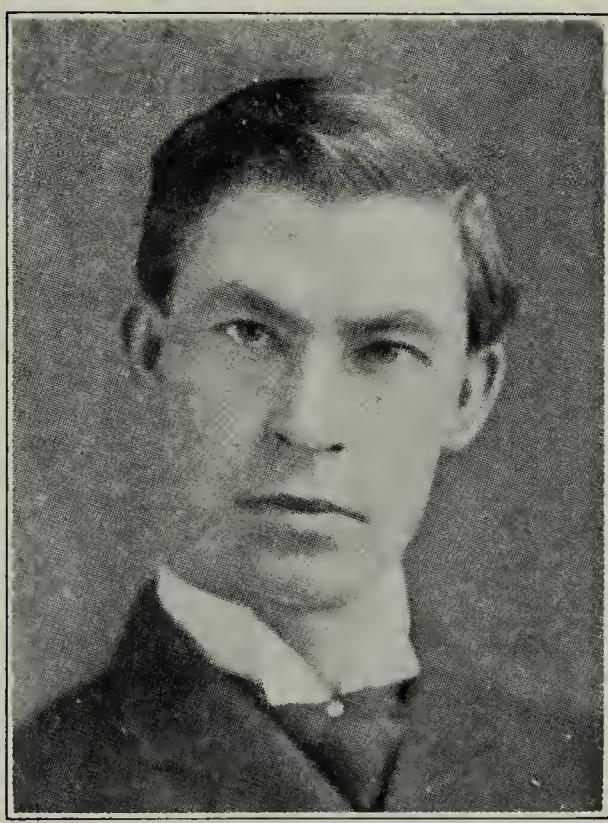
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THE REV. J. H. STRAW,
Missionary to Africa.



MRS. J. H. STRAW (NEE MISS CASHMAN)
Missionary to Africa.



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THE REV. WILLIAM R. MILLER,
Missionary to Africa.
Entered into rest March 27th, 1906.



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MR. GEORGE G. PARKER,
Missionary to Africa.

NEW AMERICAN MISSIONARIES.

Within the period covered by the survey *nine American Missionaries, including one wife, have gone to the field for the first time. Six of these sailed in less than eleven months, from August 16th, 1906, to June 27th, 1907. This is the largest number of missionaries ever sent to one field, within the same length of time, in the history of our Foreign Mission work.*

The roster of new missionaries is as follows:

1. The Rev. Jacob Hiram Straw sailed from New York for Africa July 8th, 1902. Arrived at Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, August 13th, 1902.

2. Miss Nellie A. Cashman sailed from New York for Africa January 24th, 1903. Arrived at Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, February 25th, 1903.

The Rev. Jacob Hiram Straw and Miss Nellie A. Cashman were married at Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, March 3d, 1903.

3. The Rev. William R. Miller sailed from New York for Africa July 4th, 1903. Arrived at Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, August 17th, 1903.

4. Mr. G. G. Parker sailed from New York for Africa on August 1st, 1906. He arrived at Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, September 4th, 1906.

5. The Rev. John K. Reed sailed from New York for Africa on February 16th, 1907. He arrived at Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, on March 26th, 1907.

6. The Rev. J. C. Pedersen sailed from New York for Africa on March 17th, 1907. He arrived at Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, on April 25th, 1907.

7-8. Miss Ruth Garrett, a member of our church at Wilkinsburg, Pa., the Rev. J. B. Markward, pastor, and Miss Lulu M. Goodman, a member of Temple Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa., the Rev. A. Pohlman, M. D., pastor, sailed from Philadelphia

THE REV. CHARLES H. BROSIUS,

Missionary to Africa.

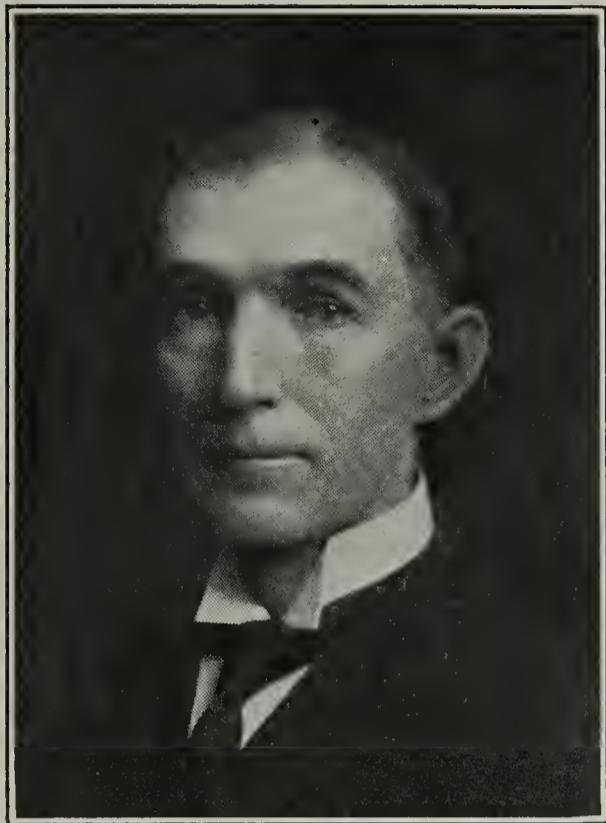
for Africa on May 11th, 1907. They arrived at Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, on June 28th, 1907.

9. The Rev. Charles H. Brosius sailed from New York for Africa on June 27th, 1907. He arrived at Muhlenberg Mission, Africa, August 11th, 1907.

But this magnificent record does not recite the complete story of the greatest



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THE REV. J. K. REED,
Missionary to Africa.



THE REV. J. C. PEDERSEN,
Missionary to Africa.



MISS RUTH GARRETT,
Missionary to Africa.



MISS LULU M. GOODMAN,
Missionary to Africa.
(Supported by Temple Church, Philadelphia, Pa.).

of all Forward Movements. The Board, realizing the marvelous opportunity to establish the kingdom of our Lord among the pagan natives of the interior, already imperiled by the missionary zeal of the Mohammedans, have determined to send four* additional new missionaries, at least one of whom shall be a married man.

The Rev. E. E. Neibel, pastor of Trinity Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Mrs. Neibel have been appointed and commissioned for Africa.

Superintendent Beck is now investigating applications from a physician,

and also from a member of the senior class of one of the leading agricultural colleges. Both of these men will be commissioned if found suitable.

The fourth missionary will probably be an ordained man who will superintend the educational work.

It is the expectation that a company of seven missionaries, under the guidance of Superintendent Beck, will sail for Africa in midsummer.

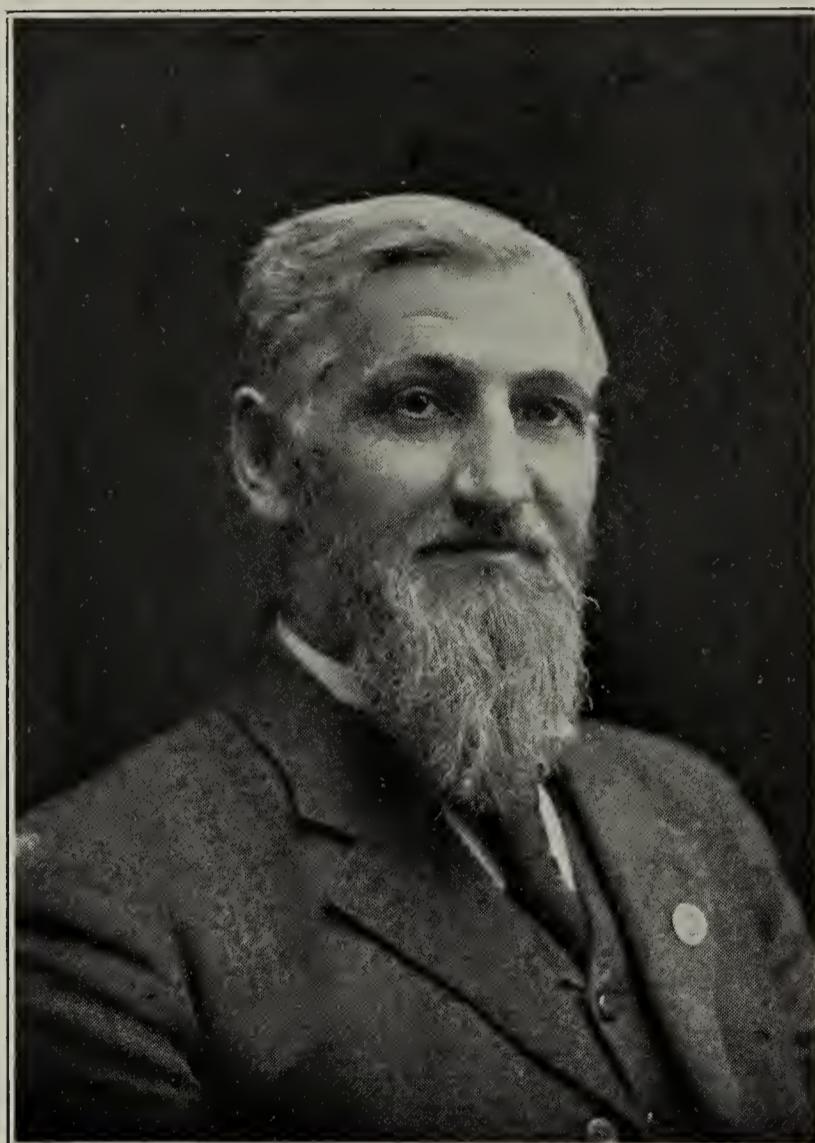
BOYS AND GIRLS.

The Board and the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society have each

decided that as many boys and girls as can be properly cared for and trained at the mission schools shall be received and supported. This is a very momentous Forward Movement, particularly when we realize that this policy means ultimately a large increase in the number of native agents, who are all too few at present.

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* The number has since been increased to five.



THE REV. WILL M. BECK,
Liberia, Africa.
(Supported by First Church, Altoona, Pa.)

MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY CONGREGATIONS.

1. The First English Lutheran Church, Altoona, Pa., the Rev. Oliver C. Roth, D. D., pastor, assumed the support of Rev. W. M. Beck, Superintendent of Muhlenberg Mission, Liberia, Africa. Since October 1st, 1904, his support has been provided by that congregation.

2. Temple Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pa., the Rev. August Pohlman, M. D., pastor, assumed the support of Miss Lulu M. Goodman, a member of this congregation, missionary at Muhlenberg Mission, Africa. Since May 1st, 1907, her support has been provided by that congregation.

The Forward Movement has been inaugurated but a few years. The Board commends the example of these two congregations and that of the First Lutheran Church of Baltimore, Md., the Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D. D., pastor (see page 39), to the many other strong churches of the General Synod which could just as successfully undertake this work as the three above named.

BUDGETS FOR AFRICA.

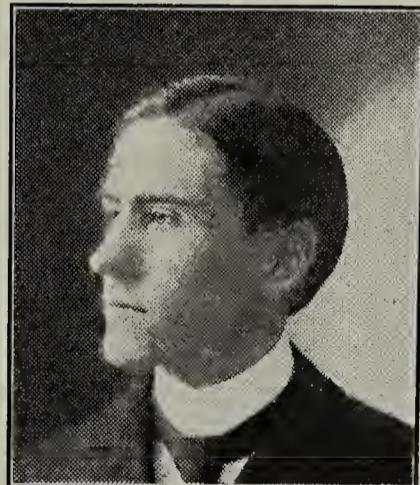
The progress of the work can be very definitely exhibited by the regular budgets of the Board for the first and last years covered by this survey. This does not include budget for salaries of missionaries, which has been more than doubled, nor special budgets, nor those of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Budget for 1901.....	\$4,275 00
Budget for 1908.....	6,355 00

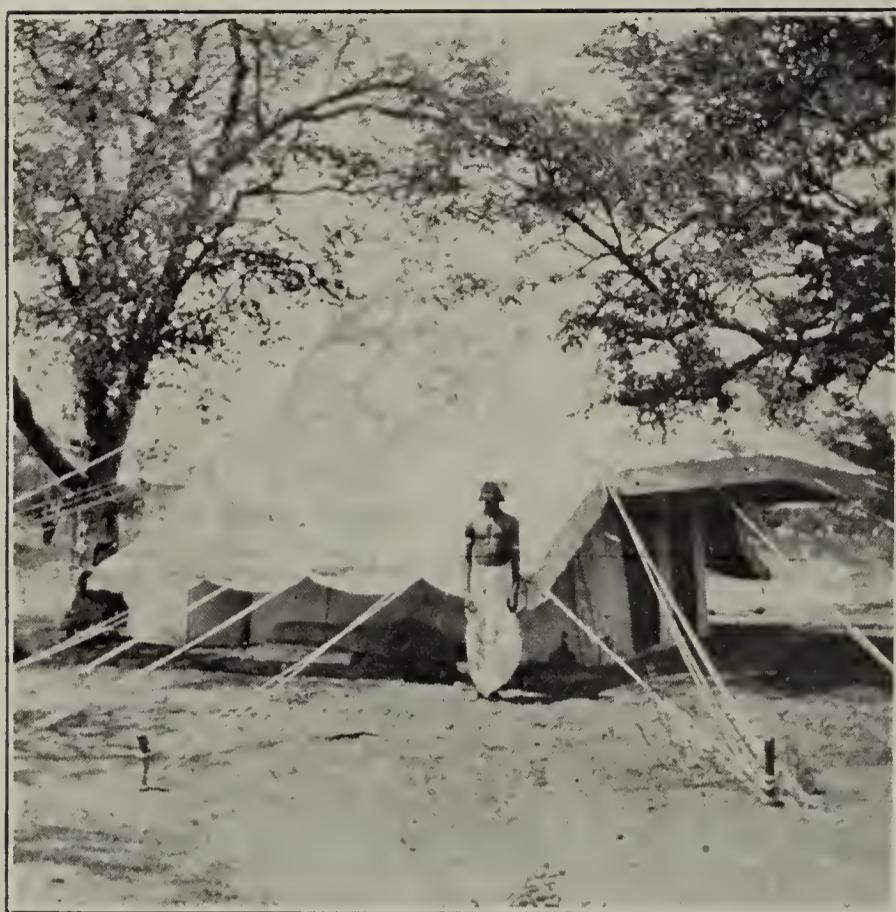
III. THE FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR INDIA.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORWARD MOVEMENT.

The Board has been desirous, for several years, of providing some definite work for the young people of our Church, in order to increase their interest in and enlarge their support of our Foreign Mission work. It was also thought that permanent financial relief might thus be provided so that the work which God had so greatly prospered should not be hindered because of inadequate support. Hence it was thought that it might be well to present a plan of co-operation to our young people. We have every reason to know that they have deep sympathy for the unhappy condition of the heathen world and an earnest desire to be helpful in the work which Christ has entrusted to His Church—the evangelization of the world. These qualities, together with their faith and love, their energy and enthusiasm, the Board desires to enlist in this great cause.



THE REV. VICTOR McCAULEY,
Young People's Missionary, India.



IN CAMP. THE REV. VICTOR McCUALEY'S TENT.
(Used in touring.)



A CHRISTIAN CONGREGATION.
Sattenapalli Taluk, India.

The plan by which this was accomplished is as follows: The India field is composed of thirteen taluks. One of these, the Sattenapalli Taluk, has been selected by the Board for support by the young people of the Church. This is to be known as their special field, and through reports from the missionary in charge, the Rev. Victor McCauley, they are to be kept informed of the progress of its work and its needs. The amount required for this, including the salary of the American missionary, the salaries of the native workers, such as evangelists and teachers, the support of the parochial schools, the building and repairs of chapels and prayer houses, the expense of touring the taluk in the visitation of the congregations by the missionary, in short, every legitimate expense connected with the work in this taluk, is about \$2,800.00 annually.

The Board has divided the amount into 560 shares of \$5.00 each per year, and requests each society to subscribe for as many shares as possible for a period of five years. The Board is particularly anxious that every society of young people in the Church shall be represented in this great and blessed movement.

A number of years ago the young people supported, in part, two missionaries in the foreign field. But this was not kept up regularly, and was entirely discontinued several years ago. The present plan is the first along this line to be offered to the young people of the General Synod for benevolent work.

The movement was inaugurated December 1st, 1904, and pledges became operative January 1st, 1905. Pledges aggregating \$2,500.00 per year have been given. Three annual letters have been published, two of which were very attractively and helpfully illustrated. This is one of the most successful and encouraging departments of the work.

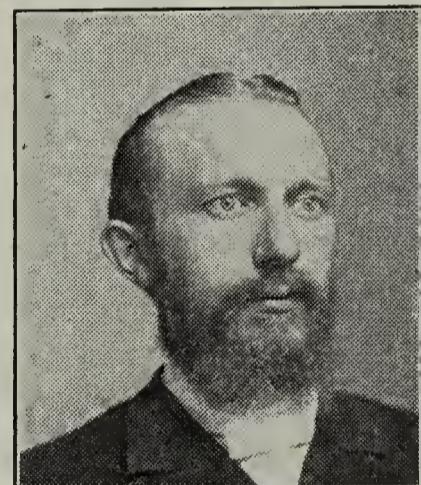
CHURCHES.

I. The Dedication of the Church at Rentachintala.

On December 17th, 1904, the splendid church building at Rentachintala, in the Palnad, India, was dedicated to the worship of God in the presence of a congregation which overtaxed the capacity of the building. This beautiful and commodious structure is of cut stone, and cost about \$7,000.00. In the



MRS. VICTOR McCAULEY.



THE REV. G. W. ALBRECHT,
Pastor Church at Rentachintala,
India.



THE CHURCH AT RENTACHINTALA, THE PALNAD, INDIA.

The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Albrecht, Missionaries.

March, 1906, number of the *Lutheran Missionary Journal*, the President of the India Conference, Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., writes:

"The new church building erected to the worship and praise of God largely by the generous gift of Dr. and Mrs. Albrecht, at a cost of upward of Rs. 20,000 (about \$7,000.00), stands as a monument to their devotion and as a great landmark in a dry and thirsty land. Representatives from the sister missions, the Hermannsburg and the Rajahmundry, were present and participated in the feast of dedication. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. J. Aberly, and the service of consecration was read by the pastor, Dr. Albrecht. At the close of the service an offering was made for the Church Building Fund, and the largest cash offering in the history of the mission was realized—Rs. 800 (about \$270.00).

"A gold bangle and a load of mountain hay were among the offerings, which show how the good seed of Christian giving has taken root. The plan, drawn up by Mr. Gotwald, of Springfield, Ohio, has been closely followed, and five beautiful windows—the crucifixion, Christ in the temple, the agony in the garden, the Good Shepherd, and the presentation in the temple—set off the church and aid the worshiper as he draws near to God.

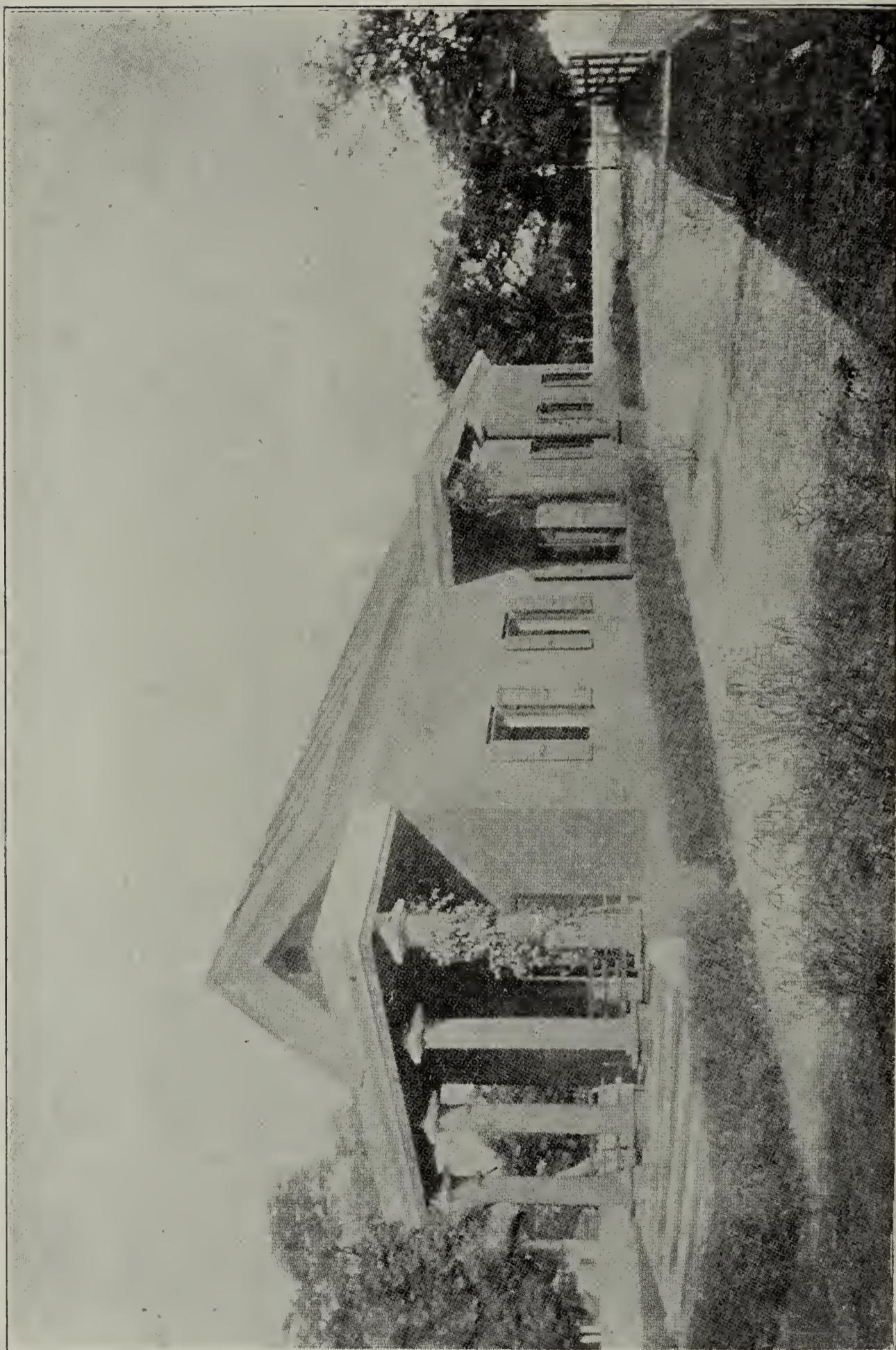
"The Palnad has the most beautiful and churchly building in our mission up to this time. Dr. and Mrs. Albrecht have done a great work in thus erecting a permanent abode in that field for the worship and service of God's people. It must exert, as time goes on, a powerful influence in the simple lives of the people. What a contrast does it not present to the ugly temples around, with their crude images and sculpture, their mythical symbols, and often obscene representations! We all rejoice with Dr. and Mrs. Albrecht on the completion of this great work. They are winning their way, not by might nor by power, but by insisting that the 'Entrance of Thy word giveth light.' They have given not only themselves, but much of that with which God has blessed them to His appointed work, and at the end of the days they shall stand in their lot. A noble work has been done in the Palnad, and they to whom the credit belongs for its beginning and completion may take heart and rejoice."

2. *The Dedication of the Church at Guntur.*

Dr. John Aberly writes as follows concerning the dedication:

"October 8th, 1907, will always be remembered as a great day in our mission. On it the new church, for which we have been waiting long, was formally set apart to the service of God. The dedication brought together such a crowd of Christians as has perhaps never gathered in Guntur. It may not be too much to say that the occasions in India when so many gather are exceedingly rare. No less than 5,000 Christians gathered. Only about 1,200 of these could enter the church for the dedicatory services. But all day numbers of them went through the church and admired its beauty and magnificence.

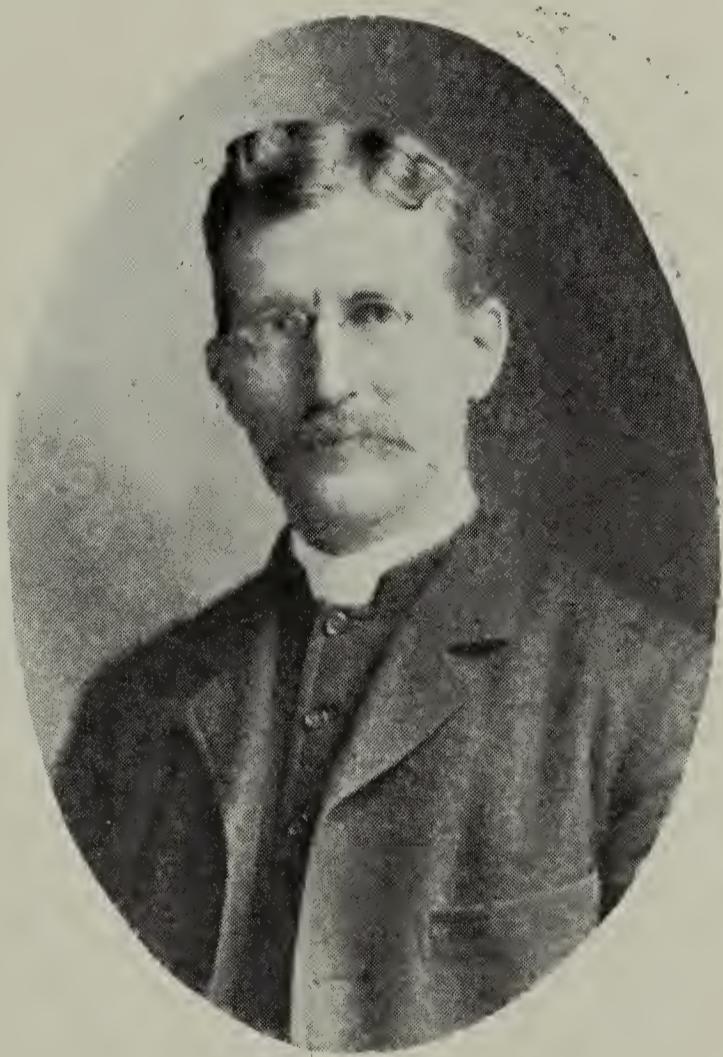
THE FORWARD MOVEMENT



STORK MEMORIAL CHURCH (OLD BUILDING).

"The church is, as Mrs. Stork desired it should be, stately. It was designed by Mr. Gotwald, of Springfield, Ohio, and so is similar in design to the one at Rentachintala, only larger. Its seating capacity is about 1,200. It is slightly cruciform in shape. It is built of granitoid stone trimmed in red sandstone. The cost of it is \$12,000.00, of which Mrs. Stork contributed \$8,650.00. It has a brass lectern contributed by the Board in memory of Dr. Stork; a brass altar railing, contributed by Mr. J. W. Christman, of Williamsport, Pa., as a token of esteem for Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Strauss; a pulpit built by one of our own Christians, Mr. Chegudi Joshua, in memory of a promising son who met with death by an accident only a few weeks ago; seven memorial windows, of which one was erected by Mr. and Mrs. J. Samuel, also members of our own congregation, in memory of a son who died a little over a year ago; two were erected by Dr. Kugler in memory of her parents; one by Dr. Wolf in memory of his son, who is buried in Guntur; one by Dr. Baer as a thank-offering; one by her sister, Miss Emma Baer, in memory of her parents, and one by Rev. Cannaday and his brothers in memory of their mother. Others contributed towards special objects. The nurses of the hospital presented pulpit Bibles, Miss Brewer the altar cloths and pulpit scarf, Mr. C. R. Gopal, a teacher in our seminary, the hymn boards; our pastor, Rev. M. David, and his brothers and sisters, a smaller window; and Mr. and Mrs. Siva Subramanyam, who have been making their home in Guntur for awhile, the baptismal font. The plant for lighting the church was contributed by Dr. Baer, and adds ornament to it.

"All our missionaries and pastors took part in the dedicatory services. Besides these, Dr. Harpster, who preached the sermon in Telugu, and Rev. J. William, of the Rajahmundry Mission, also participated. Dr. Uhl con-



THE REV. JOHN ABERLY, D. D.,
Pastor English Congregation, Stork Memorial Church,
India.

ducted an English service in the evening. This was specially appropriate, as the church is for both Telugu and English services, as a great many may know.

"The church is at present the wonder of Guntur and the surrounding district. People come by hundreds to see it. The Hindus and Mohammedans of Guntur seemed to take almost as much interest in it as we did. Even orthodox Hindus, who keep their wives *gosha* (not to be seen by men), broke through their restraints and sent or brought their women to see it. When I

asked one whether they were not *gosha*, his reply was, 'They were not very much so.' I believe nothing could have been done by Mrs. Stork that could be more effective in preaching Christ than the building of this church."



REV. MURARI DAVID,
Pastor Telugu Congregation, Stork
Memorial Church, India.

order of the Board of Foreign Missions and forwarded to No. 21 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, Md.

PRAYER HOUSES AND CHAPELS.

During the past four years particularly, special attention has been given to this department of the work because of its great necessities. About three-fifths of the congregations in India are without even the cheapest sort of a mud-walled, thatched-roof prayer house in which to worship God, hear the

preaching of the word, and receive the sacraments. During the past two bienniums \$3,161.55 has been received and remitted to the field, in addition to all other regular budgets and special appropriations for the work. There is great need of more houses of worship in India.

HEYER MEMORIAL DORMITORY.

Boys' Boarding and Training School, Guntur.

Dr. John Aberly, principal of the school, writes: "Our need for a new dormitory has been supplied. A record of the year's work would not be complete without telling of the completion of the Heyer Memorial Dormitory. It was dedicated October 7th, 1902. The total cost of the building was



THE HEYER MEMORIAL DORMITORY, GUNTUR, INDIA.

\$3,500.00. This was contributed entirely by our Church in India as a memorial to Rev. C. F. Heyer, the founder of our mission. It took about ten years to complete the work. We believe, however, the result was well worth the effort. The building is of granite, two stories high, 103 feet long, and, including verandas, 40 feet wide. It would be considered a very small dormitory in many another land for more than one hundred and twenty-five boys; but when we remember the mud houses which it replaces, we cannot refrain from expressing our joy on the completion of this building. The health of the school was exceedingly good during the year, and for it, no doubt, we are indebted, in great part, to our better accommodations.

"This building also makes possible the enlarging of our school. At its last session, during the year under report, our Conference resolved to increase the strength of the school by at least fifty. At the time when this is written this resolution has already been largely put into effect."

NEW STATIONS AND BUNGALOWS.

Sattenapalli and Chirala.

Some years since the Board adopted as its program the discontinuance of the custom of having all its missionaries resident in Guntur, and the formulating of a plan to provide a centrally located station in each taluk of our



SATTENAPALLI BUNGALOW, INDIA.

India Mission in charge of a resident American missionary. The object of this plan was to make it possible for the missionary to live in the midst of his people, to obviate the loss of time and expense involved on the part of both missionary and native workers in traveling to and from Guntur, and to enable the missionary to exercise a more personal and direct supervision of the work than was possible under the former plan.

The first special work assigned to the General Secretary after his entrance upon the work in 1901 was the securing of the funds for the erection of two new stations, one at Sattenapalli in the taluk of the same name, and the other at Chirala, in Bapatla Taluk. Two thousand dollars had already been pro-

vided for the latter by the bequest of the sainted Samuel C. Kinsinger, who was in charge of the work in Bapatla at the time of his death.

The Board, up to November 1st, 1901, had also received \$245.37 towards this object from different friends of the work. The funds were completed by the General Secretary and reported to the General Synod at Baltimore in 1903. Subsequently additional appropriations were made and both stations were completed during the biennium of 1903-1905. To-day there are two durable, substantial and splendidly equipped stations erected at a total cost of \$11,000.00.

We will ask the missionaries in charge of these two fields to say something of the advantages of a resident missionary.

The Rev. Victor McCauley, in charge of the work in Sattenapalli Taluk up to the time of sailing on his furlough, writes :



KINSINGER MEMORIAL BUNGALOW, CHIRALA, INDIA.

"In former years, all the native workers of this taluk had to go to Guntur, a distance of from ten to forty miles, to the regular monthly meetings, or whenever they needed to see the missionary on special business. And when the missionary came on tour he had to come ten miles before he reached the first village. Now the man from beyond the mountains of Bellamkonda, who formerly had to walk forty miles, has to come only twenty. Still far enough, one may think, and yet a great improvement over the former situation. For this all our workers unite with the missionary in thanking those in the homeland for their gifts whereby it was possible for this new station to be built. Our hope is that it will stand for many years to come, and that from it as a

center may go forth such an influence and power that heathenism may be overcome and Christ's kingdom established in this taluk."

The Rev. E. C. Harris, in charge of the work in Bapatla, writes:

"The opening of the Chirala station means the establishment of a new center of Christian influence in our mission. The advantages of a missionary living in his field of labor goes without saying. While Chirala is not as centrally located in Bapatla Taluk as might be desirable, it is conveniently located on the Madras Railroad, and the metaled road leading through Karamchedu over the Komamur Canal, and on through Parchur to Narasarowpet, forty miles west. From Guntur the nearest village in Bapatla Taluk was nine miles and the most distant fifty miles, which fact necessitated long tours and extra expense. The situation has changed considerably with the building of the 'Kinsinger Memorial,' saving both missionary and teachers a great deal of unnecessary traveling. There is much significance to the occupants of this building that they stand in the place where Rev. Kinsinger hoped some day to be. It was an unfulfilled desire, but, dying, he made provision that the work might go on through another, thus setting before the Church one of the noblest examples of the true giving and devotion to duty which it has had for many a year. May the fruitage of all be the salvation of many souls."

Tenali.

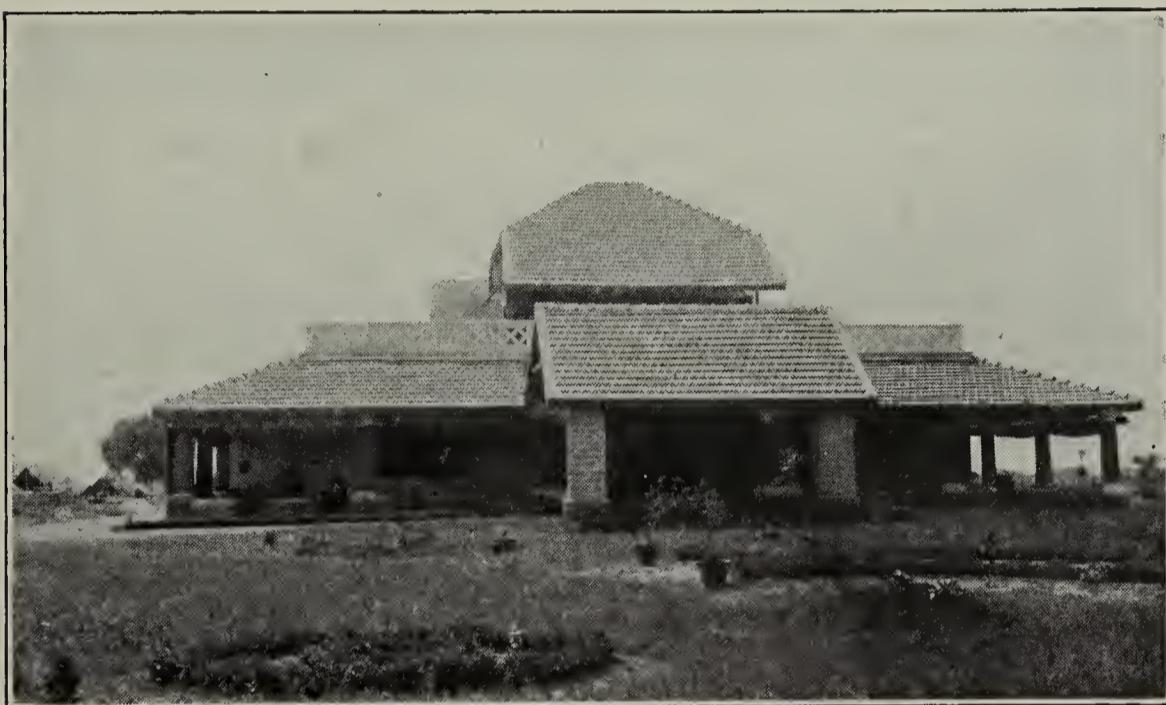
What has been accomplished for these two taluks the Board now proposes to do for Tenali, which is one of the richest and most important taluks in India. Its capital is Tenali, which is rapidly becoming a very important point. The Board has purchased a very desirable site in Tenali, for the new station, at a cost of \$700.00. The Rev. G. W. Albrecht, Ph. D., of the Palnad, India, raised over \$1,800.00 for this new station during his furlough. The General Secretary takes pleasure in announcing that he has secured, in cash, \$1,500.00 for the same object. For some weeks the Rev. S. C. Burger, missionary in charge of the field up to the time of his furlough, has been soliciting funds for the work. *At the time of this writing the Tenali Station Fund aggregates \$3,726.45 and is rapidly nearing completion. It is the expectation of the Board that the cost of the new station will not exceed \$5,000.00, including the site, which has already been paid for. If you want to have the privilege of a share in this Forward Movement, send your offering to the Board of Foreign Missions, 21 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, Md.*

THE NEW COLLEGE BUNGALOW AT GUNTUR.

The necessity for this bungalow arises from the fact that the Rowe bungalow and site were transferred to the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society as the only suitable and available site for the Girls' High School in Guntur. The unanimous action of the India Conference was "that the proposed High School be located in the compound now occupied by the Girls' Boarding School, and that for this purpose the

entire compound, which includes the Rowe bungalow and all its out-buildings and about six acres of land, ought to be acquired by the Executive Committee from the Board. The Conference recommends to the Board that the above property be transferred to the Executive Committee for a consideration of \$3,000.00."

The Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society and the Board both approved of this recommendation of the India Conference and the transfer was duly effected. Since this action was taken, the Executive Committee has received the promise of \$10,000.00 from Colonel Firch, and the Girls' High School will ultimately form part of a larger institution to be known as the "Firch Memorial College for Women."



THE ORPHANAGE BUNGALOW, GUNTUR, INDIA.

This transfer occasioned the necessity for the new bungalow in Guntur. The Board has made an appropriation of \$1,000.00, in addition to the \$3,000.00 received from the Executive Committee, and has thus created the "Fund for the New College Bungalow at Guntur" of \$4,000.00.

The Rev. L. B. Wolf, D. D., Principal of the College, up to the time of his furlough, has been authorized to secure the \$1,000.00 appropriated by the Board for this object. This amount has been advanced from the General Fund of the Board. It will be greatly appreciated by the Board if some kind friends will promptly contribute this amount so that the College Bungalow may be fully paid for without depleting the General Fund. "Forward" this "Movement" by sending your remittance to 21 West Saratoga Street, Baltimore, Md.

THE FAMINE ORPHANAGE.

The Famine Orphanage site is a beautiful stretch of land located in the

northwest section of Guntur. It contains forty-four and one half acres. The orphanage plant will include four buildings—the school building, dormitory for girls, dormitory for boys, and the superintending missionary's house. The sanctioned cost of these buildings is between \$10,000.00 and \$12,000.00, which is provided for largely by the unexpended balance of the Famine Fund. At the time of our last report from India, two of these buildings were entirely finished and the third was almost completed.

FAMINE ORPHANS' DEPARTMENT.

This is a new department which has but recently been added to our list. It is one of the most Christlike and blessed benevolences of our India Mission. The official statement of the Board is herewith given.

The Famine Orphanage is the outgrowth of necessity. About eight years ago a more than usually severe famine swept over that part of India where our mission is located. The suffering, the death, the general havoc, were appalling, and stirred the Christian world as few things have done. One of

the very saddest consequences of that scourge was the many thousands of orphans who were left in its wake, deprived of their natural protectors, helpless in themselves, the subjects of a religious system which knows no kindness, no pity, extends no help to weakness, whose soul is a heartless selfishness that would not hesitate to make shameful merchandise of the bodies of these unfortunate children. Their lot was pitiable in the extreme, even more so than that of those who perished from hunger. Of such children there were many thousands, and as famine is not an occasional, but a constant condition in some parts of this land, this class of unfortunates is receiving constant recruits.

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THE REV. ALLEN O. BECKER,
Superintendent of the India
Orphanage.

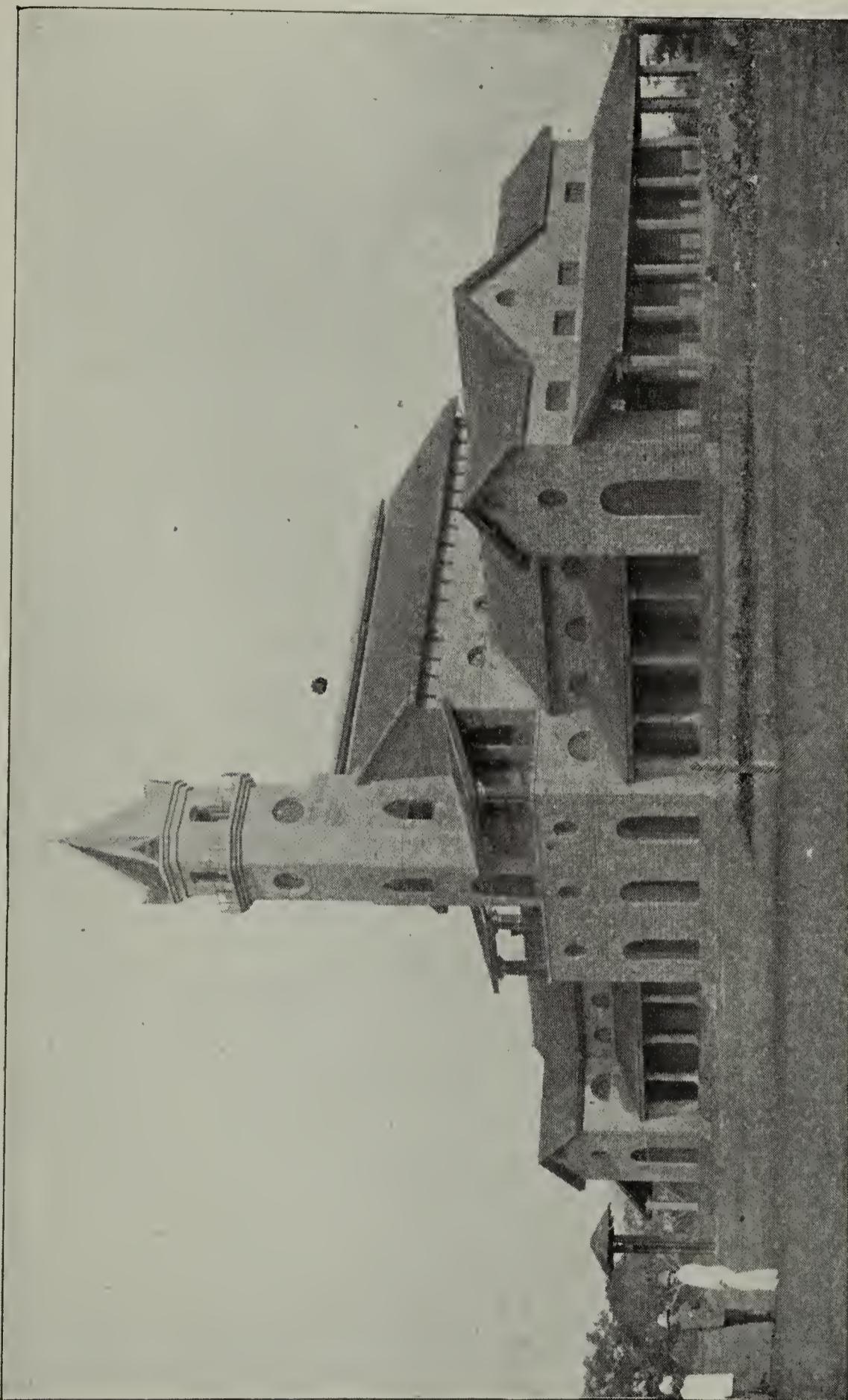
Rev. and Mrs. A. O. Becker and Miss Fahs are in charge of this work. The latest report states that there are at present fifty-eight boys and sixty-two girls in the orphanage. As the children are young their chief present employment is to go to school. Educationally the object will be to give each child, boy or girl, at least a fair elementary training. Those that have desire and capacity for a fuller education will be given every possible assistance in securing the same. The girls are also taught sewing, cooking, and so on—all that may be necessary to prepare them to become competent housekeepers and home makers. Thus they will exemplify before their sisters that there is a brighter and happier type of life than the average India woman has any knowledge of.

A similar course is followed with the boys. In addition to going to school,,



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and just as rapidly as their aptitudes are discovered, they are directed into those lines of work for which they are best fitted. The institution is young yet, but already it offers opportunity for instruction and training in carpentry, farming, printing, brick and tile making, tailoring, weaving and cooking. Thirty of the boys are engaged in one or the other of these departments. And these children are responding splendidly to the effort made in their behalf. Mr. Becker says that one of the boys did so well that it was decided to send him to a government technical training-school in carpentry. This boy reports, with pardonable pride, that he has been promoted to the position of "head boy" in his class. The hope is, in four years, when he completes his course, to make him the trained head of this department. Two other boys have been sent to Calicut to learn weaving and tailoring in the establishment of the Basel Lutheran Mission.

Under this aspect of its work, then, the aim of the institution is to provide for these children a home with all necessary comforts, and to prepare them, while they are there, educationally and industrially, in the way of a training for a trade, profession, some suitable and proper occupation for the duties and responsibilities of life.

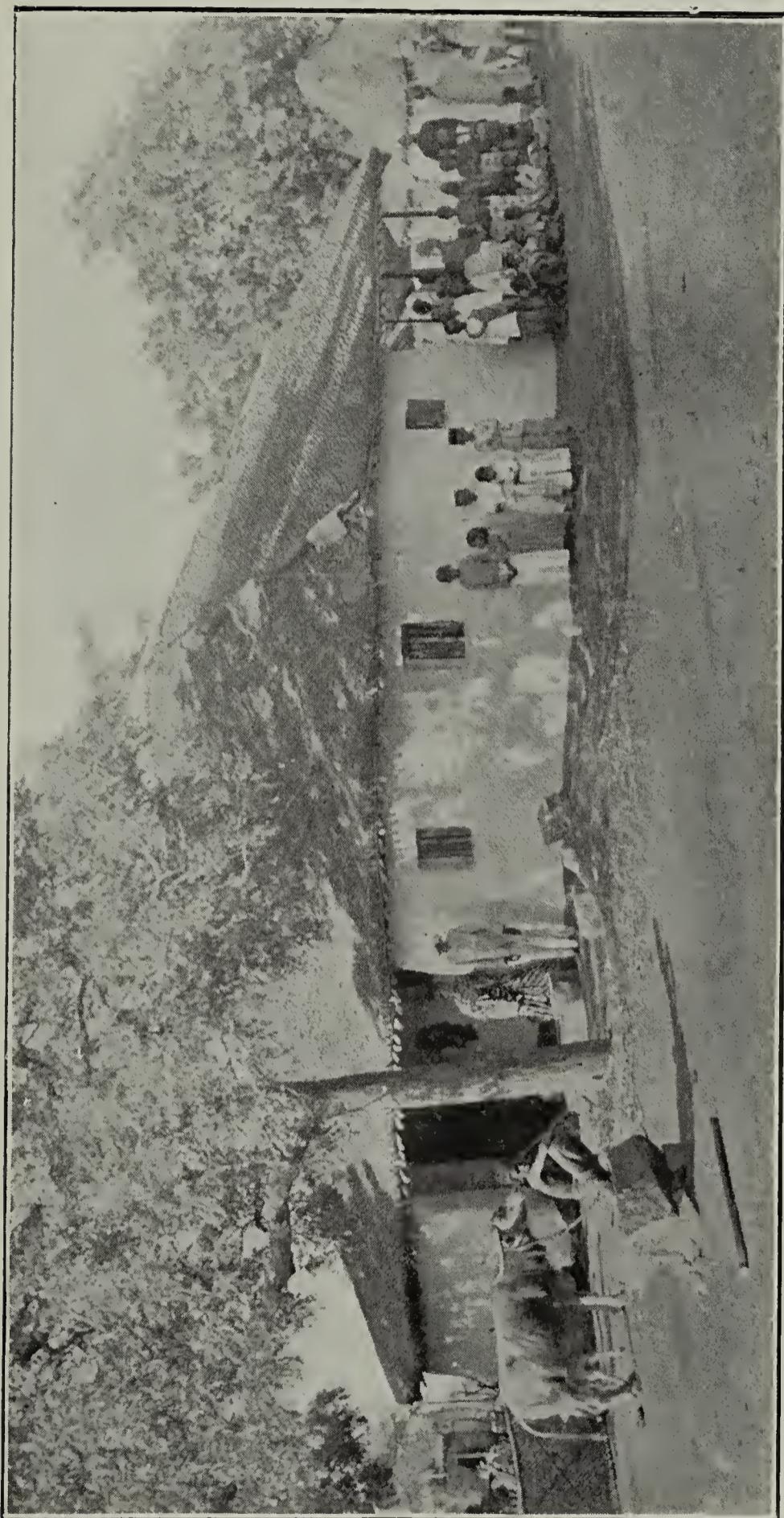
The annual cost for the support of the work is estimated by the India Conference at about \$4,500.00, including the salary of the Superintending Missionary. The Church must understand that this is an additional item to our present budget. \$25.00 a year will support one of these little ones. "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these little ones ye did it unto me."

ENLARGEMENT OF THE COLLEGE.

"Except for the auditorium, the college is a single story building. On account of a lack of room for class work, a plan and estimate was submitted to Government to raise the east wing of the building, thus making it two stories. Government has sanctioned the proposed addition and the contract is let. Work began on October 20th, 1907. The contractors promise to finish it by June 4th, 1908. When this is completed it will add five commodious rooms to the present college building."

Since the above was written it seemed both expedient and necessary to enlarge the west wing also, and so the Board has made an appropriation of \$3,000.00 for that object. The British government, through its educational department, will doubtless make a grant for the west wing as it did for the east wing. The total cost of these improvements will aggregate about \$10,000.00. The college will then be one of the finest and best adapted educational institutions in all India.

The Board of Education of the General Synod is contributing in large measure to the development of the college by providing a grant of \$1,000.00 a year towards its work. We are rejoiced at the breadth of vision on the part of the Board as manifested by the proper inclusion of the A. E. L. M. Col-



OLD GUNTUR SCHOOL.

lege among the educational institutions of the General Synod, to which it gives its valued assistance.

In view of the recognition of the increasing value of Christian education in non-Christian lands, as a direct channel for evangelization, the momentousness of this Forward Movement will be promptly appreciated.

COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.

Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, Ph. D., secretary of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, in her report of last May before the General Convention of the Society, says, "In glad appreciation of the offer of Mr. John F. Firch to give \$10,000.00 for a College for Women in India, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :"

"WHEREAS, Mr. John F. Firch, of Spokane, Wash., in the goodness of his heart felt impelled to promise to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod, through the Secretary of the General Executive Committee, the sum of \$10,000.00 for a College for Women in India, therefore,

"1. *Resolved*, That we hereby express to Mr. Firch our deep heartfelt appreciation of his interest in Christian education, and that we thank him sincerely and heartily for his generous offer.

"2. *Resolved*, That this munificent gift be accepted gratefully, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"3. *Resolved*. That this money shall be used for the enlargement of the Girls' Boarding School plant in Guntur, India, and that the school shall be named the 'Firch Memorial College for Women.'

"4. *Resolved*, That the India Conference, through the Board of Foreign Missions, be authorized to enlarge the plans for the Girls' Boarding School plant, so that the cost of buildings and equipment for the college shall be \$20,000.00, exclusive of the \$3,000.00 to be paid for the site.

"5. *Resolved*, That the time for the payment be left to Mr. Firch, but, that the work may not be delayed, it is hoped that the money may be paid into our treasury within one year."

Under date of March 11, 1907, Mr. Firch writes: "The \$10,000.00 will be available as promised." In a letter of earlier date, he intimates that he will give in addition to the \$10,000.00 promised for the "Firch Memorial College for Women in India," interests from which the Society will realize from three to ten thousand dollars annually for the college."

HOSPITAL CHAPEL.

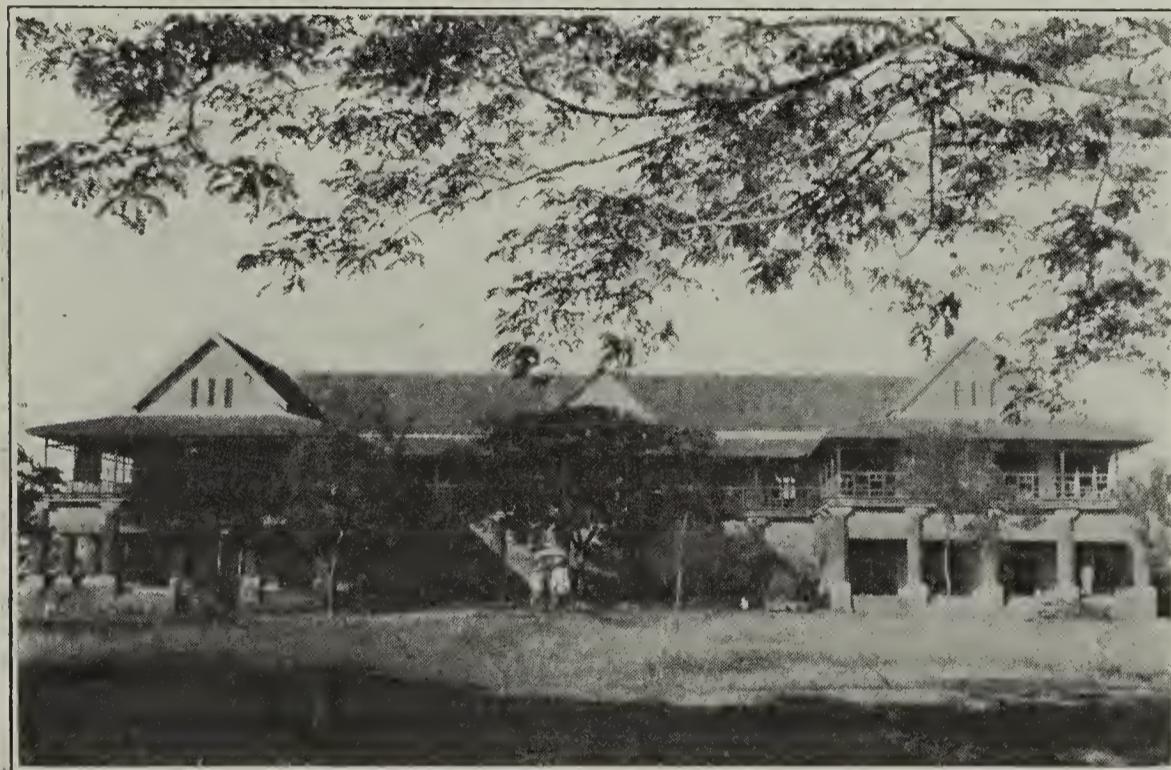
In the same report Dr. Shaffer writes: "When Rev. Jeremiah Zimmerman, D. D., LL. D., and Mrs. Zimmerman visited India in 1904, they were impressed with the need of a place of worship for the people of our Woman's Hospital at Guntur, and out of the goodness of their hearts they have donated \$2,000.00 for a chapel for the hospital. This money has been paid into our treasury through the New York and New Jersey Synodical Society since the books closed for the biennium. Blessed gift of love for healing of the soul."

Shortly after the above was written the money was received by the Treasurer of the Board and promptly remitted by him to India.

CONVERTS' HOME.

The Report of the India Mission for 1907, which was received a few weeks since, has the following to say concerning the Converts' Home :

" For some time there has been felt the need of a Home for Women, especially widows, who have come out on the Lord's side and have been estranged from their Hindu homes. They need protection and care. Simultaneously with this was felt a need for a home for women who have been brought in from the District to take a course in Bible study. They will form a continuous class, and there will always be a group of them dependent on the mission for a place to stay while remaining in Guntur.



THE WOMAN'S HOSPITAL, GUNTUR, INDIA.

" For years the Zenana Committee has been employing Eurasian assistants to help in the zenana work and the teaching in the Caste Girls' Schools, but no provision has heretofore been made for a dwelling place for them. Accordingly a plan and estimate have been made and sent to the Board and Executive Committee for sanction to erect a building that will include in its appointments accommodations for all three classes of persons mentioned above. This is one of our hopes for the future. Just before going to press we are informed that the women of the West Pennsylvania Synodical Society pledge themselves for \$11,000.00 to build it."

At the request of the Executive Committee, Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, the Board has approved of this home.

THE HOUSE-BOAT FOR TENALI AND BAPATLA.

The India Conference asked the Board to establish a fund of \$700.00 for the purpose of procuring a house-boat for the work in Tenali and part of Bapatla Taluks. The Conference writes:

"As long as Dr. Uhl had the two taluks together, by touring in the dry lands of Bapatla during the rainy season and in the rest of the field during the dry season, including the month of May, when the thermometer stood at 110 degrees every day for weeks at a time, he managed to cover his field without the aid of a boat. But now the work of the two taluks has grown beyond the ability of one man to look after it satisfactorily; and as irrigation works have been extended over all of Tenali Taluk and over a great part of Bapatla Taluk, it is impossible to travel over any except a small part of Bapatla during the rainy season. With the aid of a boat Mr. Burger will be able to travel over Tenali during the rainy season as well as during the dry."

The request was granted by the Board, and Dr. Uhl undertook to raise this fund, in addition to the magnificent service which he rendered as the special representative of the Board in connection with the special relief fund. The fund was not entirely completed at the time of his return to India. The residue of the amount needed has since been provided and the entire fund remitted to India.

A STATEMENT TO BE THOUGHT THROUGH AND APPRECIATED.

The observant and thoughtful reader of this pamphlet will doubtless note two things. For three and a half years, or just about one-half the period under survey, the largest emphasis has been laid upon the payment of indebtedness, the working out of a firm financial basis, and the general reorganization of all the administrative and "special object" departments of the Board. During the entire period, but more particularly since 1903, special attention has been devoted to very extensive building operations for India, most of which have been completed and paid for, and the remainder, for which the Board is responsible, with the exception of an aggregate amount of about \$2,000.00, has been fully provided and is now either in the treasury of the India Conference or that of the Board.

It was sound wisdom which gave prayerful and thoughtful attention to these material essentials of a great campaign. And this was pre-eminently true of the India work.

It is to be noted that on January 1st, 1905, the mission in India had an indebtedness of \$8,000.00. Of this amount \$4,000.00 was a deficiency in the general expense account of the mission, covering a period of several years, over and above the budget allowance made by the Board. The other \$4,000.00 was expended on the two new stations at Chirala and Sattenapalli over and above the increased appropriation of \$7,000.00 made by the Board for this work. All of this indebtedness was paid by the Board as promptly as the knowledge of its existence became known.

For many years practically nothing had been done in the way of providing urgently needed buildings for India. A perusal of this pamphlet will thoroughly convince anyone that unusual activity characterized the period covered herein in the building operations.

These were the two essential items in the India program, and fully explain why so few missionaries were sent out to either field during the years 1902 and 1903. As a matter of fact, the Forward Movement in sending out new missionaries in any real way was not inaugurated until 1906, and then only for Africa, because of its crisis condition.

NEW MISSIONARIES.

Six new American missionaries and a married missionary and his wife, who were temporarily out of the service for reasons of health, and in an American pastorate, making a total of eight, were sent to India during this period.

The roster of these missionaries is as follows :

1. Miss Magdalen Keith sailed from New York for India, October 24th, 1901. She arrived in Guntur December 3d, 1901. She was accompanied by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John Aberly.

K Rev. S. C. Burger and Miss Magdalen Keith were married at Guntur, India, December 11th, 1901.

2. The Rev. Isaac Cannaday sailed from New York for India, October 18th, 1902. He arrived in Guntur, December 19th, 1902.

3, 4, 5. Misses Mary E. Lowe, Jeanne L. Rollier and Elsie Reed Mitchell, M. D., sailed from New York for India, October 22d, 1903. They arrived in Guntur, December 11th, 1903.

6. Miss J. H. Wunderlich, of Leipzig, Germany, who was supported for a number of years in the Palnad, India, by the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Albrecht personally, was regularly appointed and commissioned as missionary to India. She left Germany in the company of Dr. and Mrs. Albrecht, and arrived in Guntur, December 23d, 1907.

The above four missionaries are supported by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.



THE REV. ISAAC CANNADAY,
Missionary to India.

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MISS MARY E. LOWE,
Missionary to India.



MISS JEANNE L. ROLLIER,
Missionary to India.



MISS ELSIE REED MITCHELL, M. D.,
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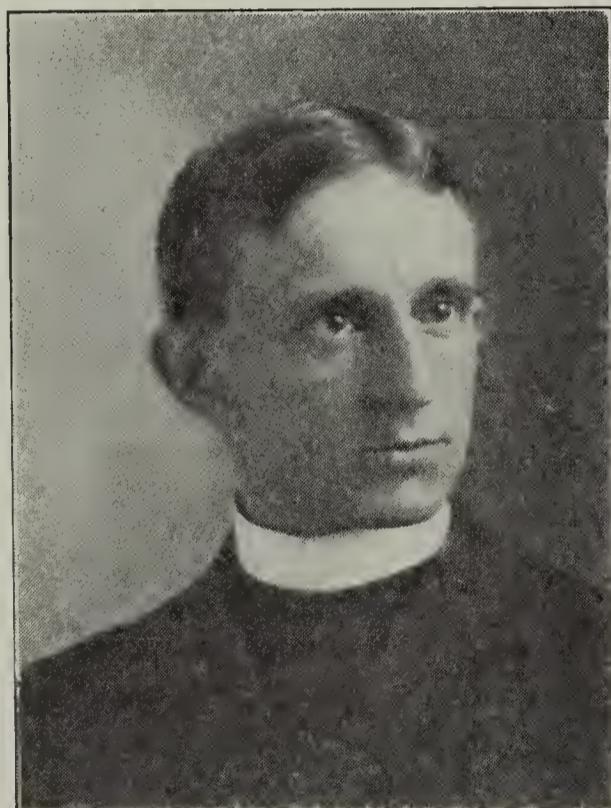
7, 8. The Rev. and Mrs. Allen O. Becker and two children sailed from New York for India on December 20th, 1905. They arrived in Guntur, January 31st, 1906.

ADDITIONAL FORWARD MOVEMENT MISSIONARIES.

The Board has passed a resolution to the effect that *at least one additional male American missionary, each year, for a period of at least three years, shall be granted the India Mission.* The Board has seriously considered an even larger program, and will put it into operation just as soon as the Church makes it possible. This tentative program is—*two additional male American missionaries, each year, for a period of at least five years.** It is almost certain that the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, with their progressive and aggressive spirit and loyal constituency, will duplicate, if not exceed, the program of the Board.

This is, by all odds, the greatest Forward Movement ever planned for our Foreign work. It is the judgment of the India Conference that it would be most injudicious to send a larger number of missionaries than those indicated at one time. Their furloughs would occur simultaneously, and thus the work would be crippled by the absence of a considerable number, at one time, from the field. The policy is to distribute twenty missionaries over a period of five years.

As an earnest of the sincerity of their purpose the Board has appointed and commissioned Miss Jessie Thomas and Rev. M. Edwin Thomas, of Wooster, Ohio, sister and brother, children of the Rev. A. Z. Thomas, as missionaries to India. They expect to sail for their field during August, 1908. Miss Thomas will be supported by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.



THE REV. S. C. BURGER,
Missionary to India.
(Supported by First Church, Baltimore, Md.)

MISSIONARY SUPPORTED BY A CONGREGATION.

The First English Lutheran Church, Baltimore, Md., the Rev. Ezra K. Bell, D. D., pastor, assumed the support of Rev. S. C. Burger, of India.

* Since the above was written the Board has decided to send *two* new male American missionaries to India during 1908.

Since October 1st, 1903, his support has been provided by that congregation.

BUDGETS FOR INDIA.

The progress of the work can be very definitely exhibited by the regular budgets of the Woman's Society and the Board for the first and last years covered by this survey.

This does not include salaries of missionaries nor any special budgets for building grants, indebtedness or any special object. The salary budget for the past biennium was almost \$35,000.00, while special budgets and traveling allowances aggregated almost \$14,000.00 during the same period.

	1901.	1908.
Woman's Society General Budget.....	\$6,500 00	\$10,000 00
Board's General Budget.....	12,000 00	18,000 00

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THE GROWTH OF THE WORK IN INDIA.

	1901.	1908.
Baptized Membership.....	24,172	36,849
Communicant Membership.....	7,486	13,063
Inquirers.....	12,117	6,626
Sunday School Pupils.....	14,844	17,803
Support of Work.....	\$10,980 *	\$16,522
Number of Schools	222	289
Number of Pupils.....	6,237	8,529
Buildings	157	214
Native Workers { Evangelists	200	277
School Teachers	281	323
Villages with Christian Inhabitants	604	756
Congregations.....	428	498
Patients in Hospital, Dispensary and Office, etc.....	6,861	†6,955
Zenana Pupils	109	409

The increase in the baptized membership was $60\frac{7}{10}$ per cent.

The increase in the communicant membership was $74\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

The *only decrease* in the comparative tables is found in the number of inquirers. There is a decrease of $45\frac{2}{5}$ per cent. The satisfactory explanation of this is found in the fact that the large number of American Missionaries on furlough rendered it impossible for the few who remained to give the necessary supervision to the work, hence the falling off.

* Owing to change in time of preparation of reports this includes but *nine months* of the year. The receipts in India for 1906 were \$20,405.00.

† Report for *nine months*. The number of patients during 1906 was 9,066.

CATALOGUE OF FORWARD MOVEMENT OBJECTS.

1. Support of a Forward Movement American Missionary in Africa.
2. Support of a Forward Movement American Missionary in India.

The Board will assign a particular missionary in either field to the support of a church, society or an individual, for \$750.00 the year.

3. Stations in Africa.

\$50.00 and upward will provide one of the buildings at an interior station. The larger the amount the better the building.

4. Home for Missionaries in Africa.

Offerings in any amount will be gladly received for this very worthy object.

5. Young People's Forward Movement for India.

\$5.00 a share the year. The Board prefers that subscriptions be made for a period of five years, but will accept any for a shorter period.

6. Church at Chirala.

Offerings in any amount will be gratefully received.

7. Prayer-houses and Chapels.

\$25.00 and upward will provide a prayer-house. \$200.00 and upward will build a commodious chapel.

8. Tenali Station.

Offerings in any amount will be appreciated.

9. College Bungalow.

Offerings in any amount will be gladly received.

10. Famine Orphans' Department.

\$25.00 the year will support a little one.

For other "Special Objects," which were in operation for many years before the "Forward Movements," described in this pamphlet, were inaugurated and aggressively pushed by the Board, write the Board for full information.

We have a printed list of all such objects, with the official rules formulated by the Board governing the same, and will be glad to send them to anyone interested.

One of these former objects is prayer-houses. It was only when the India Conference, a few years ago, called the attention of the Board to the great

need of many more such houses of worship that the Board realized the urgent necessity. The Board issued its special appeal and received during the past two bienniums *the magnificent amount of \$3,161.55, which was remitted to India in addition to all other budgets.* This was not done before the "Forward Movement" was inaugurated. The funds were received, placed in the General Fund and used for the general support of the work. The India Conference always designated a special prayer-house, but the work in the field was not advantaged.

Another of these former objects is the support of students and native workers in the mission fields. This department has been completely reorganized and rules formulated in harmony with the prevailing practice of other Foreign Mission Boards in North America. Since November 10th, 1903, when the reorganization became effective, 114 new patrons have been enrolled. Altogether, less than 350 students and native workers, in both fields, are supported by patrons. In the India Mission alone there are 600 native workers, to say nothing of the India students and native workers and students in Africa. The total receipts by the Board for this department are quite inadequate and must be largely supplemented by the General Fund.

This pamphlet does not cover the entire field of the Board's activities by any means, but has to do almost exclusively with the "Forward Movements," inaugurated by the Board in recent years. A copy of the pamphlet will be cheerfully sent to anyone who may be interested in knowing of the opportunities which the Board offers to the members of our Church to become partners with our Lord Jesus Christ in the world's evangelization.

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The Board of Foreign Missions,

21 West Saratoga Street,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Brethren:—

Enclosed find draft for \$..... for "Forward Movement" Object
No.....

Yours for the "Forward Movement,"

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When the "Forward Movement" was inaugurated some years ago the Board frankly stated that *the purpose of the Movement was to supplement the apportionment*, pitifully small, of twenty cents per communicant member, the year. The General Synod made its "Forward Movement" for the cause when at Pittsburgh in 1905, without a dissenting speech or vote, the apportionment was increased 25 per cent. But even this is far from sufficient. We trust and pray that the day may not be far distant when we shall be able to make a "Forward Movement" from the apportionment system, and when the Church shall be so trained in Christian giving that we shall joyfully accept the apostolic and Scriptural basis that each individual shall give regularly, proportionately and systematically, and in addition thereto make free-will thank-offerings from time to time, in special gratitude to God for His goodness and love.

We have stated as definitely and as concisely as we are able, the more important details of the Forward Movement of the Board. The very least for which we hope is that the *full* program here outlined may be carried out. Much has already been accomplished, but much more land yet remains to be possessed. Our faith in the Church and in the power of her Divine Head leads us to predict that this is only the dawning of the day of much larger achievement, when fresh trophies shall be laid at the feet of our risen, ascended and reigning Lord.

With deep gratitude for what He hath wrought,

On behalf of the Board, your fellow-servant in the gospel,

Marion J. Kline.

